

# U.S. Drought Monitor

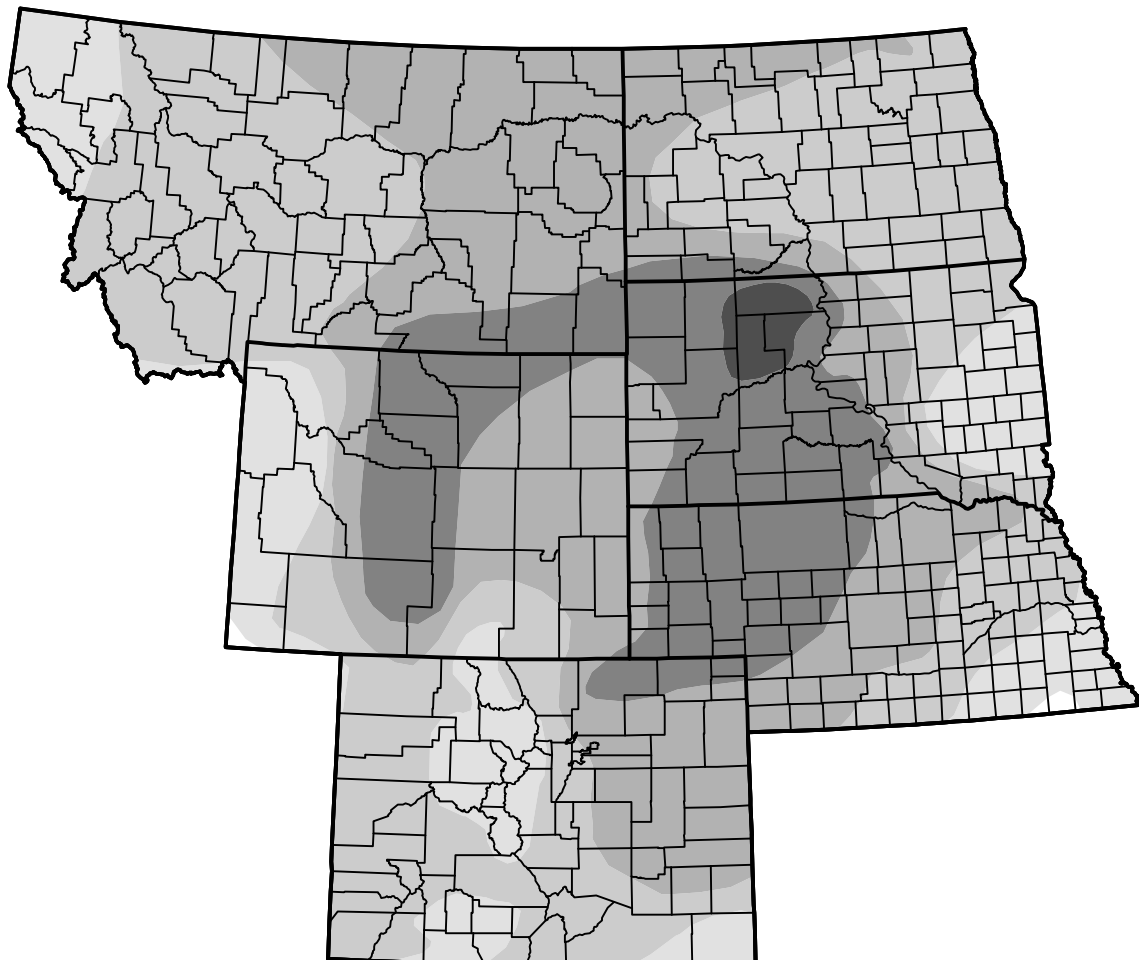
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**August 29, 2006**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.18	99.82	86.98	49.98	18.45	0.95
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-22-2006</i>	0.15	99.85	88.74	59.79	19.34	2.11
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-30-2006</i>	38.55	61.45	33.71	13.97	1.68	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	69.12	34.37	9.35	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-30-2005</i>	31.73	68.27	32.89	11.16	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

***Author:***

Thomas Heddinghaus  
 CPC/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**